

Norwalk Catholic Schools

Making A World of Difference

2002-2003 Annual Report

Prepared by FCEDO

St. Paul Elementary
St. Mary Elementary
St. Paul High

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Remembering Bishop Hoffman and Rev. Herbert J. Willman

"Perhaps the most significant way the schools impart the religious truths and values we find so important as Catholics, is through the integration of truths and values with the rest of life. Students in Catholic schools are exposed to them not merely as the formal content of a given course, but as the realities which motivate the lives of their teachers and administrators "who teach by what they are" all through the day. By their example students are shown what Catholics believe and how mature Catholics act in every kind of situation that they themselves face throughout the day. The daily witness of dedicated, highly motivated teachers, especially when it is reinforced by the example of parents at home, can make a powerful impression indeed on idealistic young people."

Bishop Hoffman's personal assessment
of Catholic Education

Bishop James Robert Hoffman
June 12, 1932 - February 8, 2003

A True Friend

In word and action, Father Willman faithfully supported Catholic education. He delighted in the successes of our students often sharing them from the pulpit. His enthusiasm for their endeavors was contagious.

Father Willman inspired us all to carefully consider the responsibility we have to pass the faith on to our children. He readily recognized the unique opportunities Catholic schools have to advance and sustain the mission of the Church. His contribution to the success of the Norwalk Catholic Schools will long be appreciated.

Thank you Father Willman.
"See you around."

Rev. Herbert J. Willman
April 16, 1930 - August 11, 2002

From Our Pastors

Dear Friends,

As we come to the end of another academic year I am very much cognizant of the great number of people who are involved in the operation of a good Catholic School. We are grateful to each and every one of you who have contributed in any way to the success of another academic year here in this Norwalk community. Our tradition of providing quality Catholic education continues on because of the efforts of so many people.

We will begin this next year without the services of two people who have been extremely supportive of the Catholic schools in the diocese of Toledo, two people who have been our dear friends and collaborators in Catholic school education. Bishop James R. Hoffman and Sister Janet Doyle have been a real blessing to the diocese of Toledo over the last twenty-five years.

Bishop Hoffman died last February after serving the diocese of Toledo as our chief Bishop for twenty-two years. What a loss! We will feel his presence, as well as his absence, for many years to come. It's hard to think of the diocese of Toledo without thinking of him. He was here for so long. His leadership and influence has been tremendous. His vision, his personality, his style of leadership, his deep faith and prayerfulness have had an impact on all of us, whether we realize it or not.

And what a dedicated servant of Catholic education Sister Janet Doyle has been for the diocese of Toledo. She has served in the diocesan Schools' Office for as long as most of us can remember and has been our diocesan superintendent for the past fifteen years. She resigned her position, effective this past June 30th. She truly deserves a much-needed break and rest. She has always been there when we needed her every step of the way, guiding, directing, encouraging.

I have had many dealings with both Sister Janet and Bishop Hoffman over the years and I can truly say that both have been extremely supportive and great to work with. They have been true servant leaders. We have been truly blessed by the ministry of both and will be indebted to them as we reap the benefits of their labors among us for many years to come.

May we be grateful and continue the tradition they have passed on to us in faith.

Rev. Franklin Kehres
Pastor, St. Paul

Dear Friends,

St. Mary Parish/School Community presently stands at a crossroads in its lengthy history. As a vibrant faith community, St. Mary is in the process of relating a commitment to Stewardship as a way of life to all facets and dimensions of parish life. St. Mary School continues to serve as a dedicated expression of the Parish's mission to offer a quality Catholic education to all the children who attend there.

Efforts have been made and will continue to be made to relate Stewardship as a way of life to the operation of our school. Recommendations for incorporating stewardship into the curriculum have been presented. Parents are being invited to learn about stewardship. On the basis of this, they will be offered an opportunity to embrace this way of living out Christian discipleship.

As an expression of the commitment of St. Mary Parish to Stewardship, we are working to realize the following goals for St. Mary School: 1) We intend to continue to keep St. Mary School accessible to all who want their children to receive a Catholic education. 2) We are resolved each year to continue to offer an equitable salary to our teachers. 3) We are working to change the way in which our school is funded. Steps are being taken to support the operation of our school more and more through the sacrificial giving of our people and through the generosity of persons outside of our parish.

The realization of goals such as these invites and involves the participation of many persons. Hopefully, the motivation to persevere in the stewardship way of life will come from a growing sense of affection and concern for one another of which our Lord is the source. May St. Mary School continue to provide an effective setting in which this kind of spiritual bonding might deepen and spread in the larger community.

Rev. Nelson G. Beaver
Pastor, St. Mary

St. Mary Elementary

Dear Friends,

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to all the benefactors of St. Mary School who give of themselves – their time, talent and treasure – to make our school a vibrant and effective learning environment. God has surely blessed us with many supporters.

The year just concluded has seen many improvements and changes to benefit the educational programs and experiences of our children. It is through the support of our generous community that all has come to fruition. Please be assured that our efforts will not stop. We will not rest on our past achievements. We will continue to minister to our children, families and community as Jesus has commanded us with love, devotion and genuine respect for each person. As we attempt to better understand the Gospel message of Jesus Christ and live it daily, we will be filled with wonder and awe at the marvelous plan that God has put into effect for all of us.

Mr. Danny J. Gerold, Principal

Successes

- * A new, more spacious and efficient mobile unit has been secured for ASP personnel.
- * A new computer server was installed to facilitate technological advances in the lab and classrooms.
- * Many students were able to prove their skills through participation in the MathCounts Program, Power of the Pen Program, Spelling and Handwriting contests and Science Fair with 6 Seventh and Eighth Graders advancing to Science Day at Heidelberg College and two (Andrea Fritz and Cara Smith) advancing to Scholarship Day where Andrea received a superior rating.
- * COSI Day was sponsored by our CPTA for all students in Grades K through 8 as only one of the many ways they have supported our school this year.
- * Our music program was strengthened by purchases of a sound board and stage.

Goals

- * Update all programs and resources materials.
- * Institution of the Four Block Literacy Program.
- * Involvement in the parish stewardship program.
- * Strengthening of curricula and teaching methods.
- * Preparation for reapplication for OCSAA accreditation.

St. Paul Elementary

Dear Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support. Our first priority is to instill in our children the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to prepare each child to become a responsible Christian in today's society. Our second priority is the implementation of a strong, coordinated, enhanced curriculum, which emphasizes the basics. Thank you for your support and prayers.

Mr. Stephen F. Schumm, Principal

Goals for 2003-2004

- * Successfully implement the All-Day Kindergarten Program.
- * Continue the supplemental Accelerated Mathematics Program at the Jr. High level.
- * Add Spanish for High School credit for our 8th grade students.
- * Continue to focus on the basics – reading, writing, and mathematics, coupled with the teaching and practicing of our faith.
- * Update professional staff technology development training for our teachers.

IOWA Test Results for February 2003

Grade	Reading Grade Equiv.	Language Grade Equiv.	Math Grade Equiv.	Overall Grade Equiv.
1	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.0
2	3.1	2.8	3.0	3.0
4	5.6	5.1	5.3	5.3
6	7.4	7.6	7.1	7.3

Successes

- * St. Paul Elementary School has undergone an extensive re-certification process and has been re-accredited by the State Accreditation Association.
- * Students in grades 3, 5, and 7 successfully completed the newly implemented diocesan Terra Nova Achievement Tests. Students in grades 1, 2, 4, and 6 excelled in the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills. Students in grade 8 completed the Practice Sophomore Achievement Test.
- * Jr. High and Middle School students have been very successful competing in the Huron County Spelling Bee, an undefeated Academic Challenge Team, Power of the Pen Writing Contest, Science Fair, God, Flag and Country Speech Contest and CYO and Fireland's Conference Athletic Programs.
- * More than 200 students have earned 100 points in the Accelerated Reader Program and have been treated to lunch with the Principal
- * 8th grade students earned High School credit in German and French.
- * Students in grades K-8 brought in \$2,700 in pennies, which was given to the diocese for vocations.

St. Paul High School

Dear Friends,

God has showered his blessings on our St. Paul community this year. Our faculty holds an average of 14 years of experience in the classroom. They are dedicated to the academic success and faith formation of our students. The parish provides the much needed support that contributes an atmosphere that is caring and professional. Our students reached academic and athletic goals that make us all very proud. Our faculty and students participated in spiritual growth opportunities that reinforce the mission of our school.

Our job is simply...**to save souls**. What better way than to engage our young in the study and practice of their faith every day?! There are many statistics we could put in print for this publication. None of these are as important as the number of souls that have been turned to God as a result of the work we are engaged in. Thank you for supporting our efforts.

In Christ's Service,
Mrs. Valerie French

Successes

- * The class of 2003 received over \$1,880,000 in grant and/or scholarship offers from over 30 universities or colleges.
- * The St. Paul High School Volleyball team won the Ohio State Championship!
- * 20 students traveled to Toronto for World Youth Day and saw the Pope.
- * 46% of our student population earned an Academic Letter (3.5 GPA).

Goals for 2003-2004

- * Our faculty is preparing for the new Ohio Graduation Test. We are aligning state expectations with our diocesan curriculum to make sure that our students are well prepared for this new graduation test. We are also reviewing the types of questions on this new test and making sure that our students have practice in answering these types of questions before they take the OGT.
- * The religion department is taking 18 students to Medjugorie this summer with Fr. Bill Pifher.
- * Design new science labs, classroom space, restrooms and library for grades 7-12.
- * Implement two college courses from BGSU partnership within our building. Mr. Wasiniak has been recognized as an adjunct professor and will teach Geology 104 and Astronomy 201. Students can earn 7 college credits and high school credits at the same time.

2002-2003 Test Scores

100% of all seniors and juniors have passed the proficiency exam. High scores on the Diocesan senior test of Religion competency. Over 15,000 hours of community service completed by SPHS students.

Parent Investment

	Parent Investment 2003-04			
	SME		SPE	SPH
Pre-School for 3 yr. olds	\$450	2 half days	\$582	2 half days
Pre-School for 4 yr. olds	\$700	5 half days	\$762	3 half days
	\$610	3 half days		
Kindergarten (5 half days)			\$816	
Kindergarten (5 days all day)	\$1,075		\$1,250	
Elementary (grades 1-8)	\$1,075		\$1,404	
St. Paul High School (9-12)				\$2,340

Quotes reflect investment for Catholic families.

*The St. Paul Parent Investment Program is managed by
Mrs. Ruth Weisenberger 419-668-7223.

*The St. Mary program is managed by Mrs. Linda Daugherty 419-668-8480.

*No child will be denied a Catholic education because of financial circumstances.

*Parents pay approximately 1/3 of the actual cost to educate their children.

FCEDO

Firelands Catholic Education Development Office

FCEDO Operations Financial Statement
July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003

Income	
General Donations	\$214,720.42
Designated Purpose.....	\$296,377.56
Student Sponsorship	\$115,525.79
Endowment Donations	\$217,461.32
Other Donations	\$6,753.99
Parish support.....	\$44,984.36
Special Events.....	\$51,582.00
Interest.....	<u>\$685.39</u>
.....	Total Income
Expenses	
Wages / Related Expenses	\$80,125.51
Postage.....	\$8,180.33
Office supplies	\$3,026.71
Telephone.....	\$1,554.82
Special Events.....	\$15,405.47
Subscriptions / Education	\$796.00
Equipment.....	\$1,205.44
Equipment Repair / Copier	\$3,523.09
Travel	\$460.92
Other Expenses	\$660.66
Annual Fund Expense.....	\$5,914.76
Public Relations / Projects	<u>\$5,076.65</u>
.....	Total Expenses
Distributions	
Designated Purpose.....	\$228,029.03
Student Sponsorship	\$119,802.99
To Endowment Investment.....	\$217,461.32
St. Mary Elementary.....	\$42,877.65
St. Paul Elementary.....	\$111,530.94
St. Paul High.....	<u>\$57,877.07</u>
.....	Total Distributions
.....	Retained Earnings

FCEDO Endowment Fund Financial Statement July 1, 2002 -
June 30, 2003

Fund Balance (as of 7-01-02).....	\$2,616,094.55
Interest Income / Investments	\$77,936.08
Interest Income / CD.....	\$9,635.84
Dividend Income.....	\$12,447.26
Capital Gains Distribution	\$2,742.92
<u>\$948,090.83</u>	
Gain (Loss) on Sale of Assets	(\$36,162.24)
Investment / Ordinary Expense.....	(\$3,898.61)
Total Ordinary Income.....	\$62,701.25
Contributions Received.....	\$217,461.32
Distributions to Schools.....	(\$79,992.00)
Fund Balance (as of 6-30-03).....	\$2,816,265.12
	\$125,930.36
	\$777,579.00
	\$44,581.47

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Financial Data

St. Paul Elementary Income

Parish Investment.....	\$ 351,066
Parent Investment.....	\$ 578,619
Trusts, Grants, Endowment, Annual Fund, FCEDO	\$ 274,046
Mandated Services, Fund Raisers, Misc.	<u>\$ 267,183</u>
Total Income:	\$ 1,470,914

Expenses

Instructional, Library, Staff	\$ 1,001,645
Building Operations	\$ 252,588
Administration	<u>\$ 216,681</u>
Total Expenses:	\$ 1,470,914

St. Mary Elementary Income

Parish Investment.....	\$ 44,066
Parent Investment.....	\$143,548
Trusts, Grants, Endowment, Annual Fund, FCEDO	\$ 78,755
Mandated Services, Fund Raisers, Misc.	<u>\$ 311,367</u>
Total Income:	\$ 577,736

Expenses

Instructional, Library, Staff	\$ 387,212
Building Operations	\$ 111,657
Administration	<u>\$ 78,867</u>
Total Expenses:	\$ 577,736

St. Paul High School Income

Parish Investment	\$ 423,929
Parent Investment	\$ 476,423
Trusts, Grants, Endowment, Annual Fund, FCEDO	\$ 225,593
Mandated Services, Fund Raisers, Misc.	<u>\$ 198,882</u>
Total Income:	\$ 1,324,827

Expenses

Instructional, Library, Staff	\$ 804,610
Building Operations	\$ 286,187
Administration	<u>\$ 234,030</u>
Total Expenses:	\$1,324,827

Norwalk Catholic Schools Business Partners

We are grateful to the Business Community who so faithfully support the work of the Norwalk Catholic Schools and the FCEDO office.

A.J. Riley, Inc.
Action Auto Supply
Dr. Thomas Andosca, D.C.
Barman Construction, Inc.
Battles Insurance Agency
Bill Klaus Pontiac, Cadillac, GMC Truck
Blue Ribbon Catering
BOCA Construction
Boose's Farm Market
Buckeye Construction
Carpet Gallery of Norwalk
Century 21 - Norma Schaecterle
The Citizens Banking Co.
Dawson & Citizens Insurance
Diamond Collection
Domino's Pizza
Durable Corporation
Eagle Creek Golf Course
Edward Jones Investments
Epic Technologies
Evans - Groff Funeral Home
Firelands Federal Credit Union
Fisher's Market
Fisher Wayside Furniture
Fisher Transmission Center
Fisher-Titus Medical Center
Gardner's SuperValu
Hammer-Huber Shoe & Clothing
Home Lumber Company
Janotta & Herner General Contractors
Jenkins, Hakes & Associates, Inc.
Jim's Soft Glove Auto Wash
JR Welding
Kasper Chevrolet and Buick
Lake Erie Construction
Howard Leis Furniture, Inc.
Industrial Powder Coatings
Lesch Upholstery
Lonz, Clark, Baltes Veterinary
Loyer Lock and Key
Lynch & White Law Office
Maple City Ice
Maple City Rubber Company
Maple City Saw & Mower
Mark Schaffer Excavating & Trucking
Martha's Catering
Material Assistance Providers
McLaughlin, VanDootingh, Mosher & Co.
Meek's Pastry Shop
Mike Myers Century 21
Miller Landscape & Gardens
National City Bank
Newcomer Concrete Services, Inc.
New Horizons Baking Company
New York Life Insurance

Nobil's Sports and Trophies
Norwalk Concrete Industries
Norwalk Chrysler Dodge and Jeep
Norwalk Health Foundation
Norwalk Furniture Corp.
Norwalk Landscaping Materials
Norwalk Precast Molds
Norwalk Reflector
NORWECO
Ogelsby Construction
RE/MAX Quality Realty
Riley Contracting, Inc.
Landscaping Design by Iris
Pat Riley Swine Farm
Dr. Julie Roberts, D.D.S.
Roberts Art Gallery
Ropper Construction
Rospert's Meat Market
Sam's Storage
Schild's IGA Super Center
Settlement Cove
Skitter Brae
Smith, Payne, Hammersmith & Co.
Smith Paving & Excavating
Stein Photography
Suhr Engine Service
Trend Setter Construction
Underground Utilities, Inc.
Walker Funeral Home
Wal-Mart
Warren's Auction
Wasiniak Construction Co.
Welfle, Inc.
Wheeler Sheet Metal
Williams Norwalk Tire & Alignment
Dr. Gary Wolf, D.D.S., M.S.D.

Norwalk Catholic Schools Tradition of Service Award

2003 Smith Paving and Excavating
2002 Newcomer Concrete Services
2001 Wasiniak Construction
2000 Domino's Pizza
1999 A.J. Riley, Inc.
1998 The Outdoorsman
1997 Barman Construction
1996 Schild's IGA
1995 Boose Farms
1994 Maple City Ice

*Thank you for your unending
commitment to Catholic Education.*